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Good Afternoon distinguished Senators and Representatives,

My name is Andrew Bloom. I am a licensed surety bail bondsman, bail enforcement agent, and one of the owners of 3-D Bail Bonds, Inc. which employs about 18 people. I am also one of the owners of DADs Bail Bonds, LLC representing over \$80,000,000 a year in bail written, a member of PBUS, and a founding board member of the Bail Agents of Connecticut Association.

I am an instructor for the basic pistol safety course for people who want to get their pistol permits.

I am not a gold card instructor and have nothing financially to gain from this bill.

As many of you may know, I have been here to testify for many years in support of bail reform. I would now like the opportunity to demonstrate my support of Raised House Bill 5158.

- Police officers are required to recertify with their weapons.
- Security guards are required to recertify with their weapons.
- Military personal are required to recertify with their weapons.
- Bail Enforcement Agents currently are **not required to recertify** with their weapons.

Does this not frighten you to know there are people out serving warrants and carrying guns who have not fired their weapons in potentially years?

Let's get it done.

Thank you,

Andrew Bloom